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ATF AND LAPD SEIZED 20 FIREARMS DURING ARREST AND SEARCH WARRANT

LOS ANGELES—John A. Torres, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Los Angeles Field Division, announced today that a southern Californian man has been arrested on federal firearms charges. Karapet Guyumdzhyan is charged with illegally transferring a firearm to a prohibited person. Under federal law, convicted felons are prohibited from possession of firearms.

Based on evidence and information developed during a joint investigation, ATF special agents and Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers executed a federal arrest and state search warrant on April 17, 2008. A total of 20 firearms were seized during the search of Guyumdzhyan's Van Nuys, Calif., home.

"ATF is reinforcing the message that we will not tolerate any firearms violations that may impact public safety," said ATF Special Agent in Charge John A. Torres. "We will continuously work with our law enforcement partners to keep our streets safe and vigorously punish those who choose to challenge the laws we enforce."